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PROTECTED ANCIENT TEMPLES AND MOSQUES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of protected ancient temples and mosques in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether such worshipping places are not maintained properly;

(c) the financial assistance released or proposed to be released to the concerned States for proper maintenance of such worshipping places during the last two years and the current year so far; and

(d) the other remedial measures proposed to be taken for protection of such places?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) There are 985 ancient temples and 205 mosques declared as of national importance. A detailed list is at Annexure-I.

(b) These ancient temples and mosques are in fairly good state of preservation.

(c) The details of expenditure incurred for maintenance of centrally protected monuments/sites during the last two years as well as the allocation for 2006-07 is at Annexure-II and III respectively.

(d) Regular conservation measures are being taken for their proper upkeep. In addition, Archaeological Survey of India undertakes development of their environs and visitor facilities, depending upon the availability of resources.